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## BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION FORM

I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ request the privilege of  
**BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTS FOR:**

**Name of Candidate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date & Time of intended Baptism** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Place & Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name & Maiden Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_

6. Parents Address \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Godfather \_\_\_\_\_

8. Godfather's Address \_\_\_\_\_

9. Name of Godmother \_\_\_\_\_

10. Godmother's Address \_\_\_\_\_

11. Signature of Person Requesting Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Dues paid Member  / Non-Member Dues Paid Member  of St. Stepanos Armenian Church

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Guidelines for Baptism**

1. The date of Baptism shall be set in joint consultation between the parents of the infant and the Pastor.
2. Before any guest clergyman is invited to participate, the Pastor should be consulted. According to the protocol of our Diocese, the Pastor will be the one to invite any guest clergyman to perform all or part of the service. Therefore, if you would like a guest clergyman to participate with our Pastor in the service, please notify the Pastor or our church office in advance to arrange for his attendance and remuneration.
3. We strongly recommend that you be in Church at least 15 minutes before the designated time for Baptism.
4. At least one of the Godparents of the candidate to be baptized must be a baptized member of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church. Each candidate to be baptized should have only one Godfather and one Godmother.
5. The Godparents must be present for the service.
6. It is traditional that for the first three days after the sacrament of Baptism, water that is used to bathe the child at home should be poured into the ground or used to water trees or flowers rather than allowed to flow down the drain into the waste water system.

### **On the day of Baptism please bring the following items with you:**

- a. A large towel to wrap the infant/candidate after immersion in the water of the baptismal font.
- b. A cross pendant to be blessed by the Priest and put around the neck of the candidate. (Be aware that our tradition prefers the symbol of the empty cross; a crucifix is not normally used in the Armenian Church.)
- c. A white outfit to be worn after Chrismation.
- d. Optional: a pair of candles. (The church can provide candles for the baptism if needed. When you are making arrangements for the day of baptism, please let the church office or the priest know.)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Pastor or our church office.

May we all enjoy an inspiring and meaningful Sacrament of Baptism . . .